

## FRENCH PREMIER IN FACE OF CRISIS!



ARISTIDE BRIAND

Disagreement over the policy of Premier Briand of France has reached a critical point threatening the overthrow of the present ministry and the institution of a more forceful cabinet. Briand succeeded Premier Viviani in 1915, after a shake-up like the one threatened now.

## ORGANIZED LABOR TO STAND BEHIND RAILROAD MEN

Organized labor of Chicago will stand behind the railroad brotherhoods locally with the same kind of support the American Federation of Labor has pledged to the brotherhoods nationally.

"As a part of the A. F. of L. the trades unions here will be with the railroad men in their attempts to win conditions so long denied them," said Emmett Flood, A. F. of L. organizer, Mortimer bldg.

Throughout the railroad world there was clearly more excitement, nervousness, than any day since the striketalk started. While it is admitted leaders of the unions have the

situation pretty well in hand, it is also conceded strike feeling runs stronger and there is a keener edge of impatience over delay than there was last summer.

## HOW THE GREAT STRIKE WILL AFFECT CHICAGO — FOOD TO LAST TEN DAYS

Here is how Chicago is braced to meet the rail strike if it is called tonight. These figures are given after interviews with food-hogs, transportation men and city officials:

**Transportation.**—154,000 commuters are dependent on suburban train service. The Aurora, Elgin & Chicago and the Chicago & North Shore Electric are planning to handle a great deal of this number. Auto routes will make their appearance on the various highways to the more populous suburbs.

**Milk.**—Dealers claim they will only be able to get 50 per cent of their present milk supply. Health Com'r Robertson arranging with surface and suburban electrics and motor truck firms to transport sufficient milk to nourish babies. Price jump expected.

**Coal.**—Boss Fred Upham, price-boosting chief of the Consumers' Co., silent on coal situation. Expected to be planning making people come across if they want fuel. Other dealers say there are 1,000,000 tons in reserve here and that the city consumes 100,000 tons daily. Half this amount supplies factories. Many of these expected to close during strike.

**Meats.**—54,000,000 lbs. of beef, 10,000,000 lbs. of pork, 827,000 lbs. of lamb and 1,000,000 lbs. of veal in stockyards cold storage houses alone. Demand of neighboring cities would raise local prices.

**Flour.**—150,000 barrels in reserve. Daily consumption, 12,000 barrels. Food gamblers have much more wheat, unmilled, in elevators.

**Butter and Eggs.**—6,000,000 lbs. of butter on hand, enough to last city one week. 1,750,000 doz. eggs in